

Guidelines for Infant Baptisms of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

(Newborn-6 years old)

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church, and made sharers in her mission. "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word" (CCC 1213).

Baptisms at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton are at 1:30 pm on most Sundays after the noon Mass. For a more intimate experience for all, we limit the number of baptisms to three families per Sunday. Baptisms occur in the Church at 2700 W. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, TX 75023.

DOCUMENTS NEEDED:

- Copy of the child's State issued birth certificate
- Baptism Preparation class certificate (parents & godparents)
- Letters of Good Standing for each Catholic Godparent
- Letter of permission if applicable

PARENT REQUIREMENTS:

- Attend a Baptism Preparation class at any Roman Catholic Church; Seton's classes require pre-registration
- At least one parent must be a practicing and active Catholic
- If parents are not registered parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, parents must obtain a letter of permission from their parish Pastor to baptize their child at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Parents are responsible for gathering and submitting all required documents (in PDF format) to Susan Ozowski at sozowski@eseton.org
- Include the name of the child to be baptized in the Subject Line of your email
- If your child is 7 years old or more, contact Bruce Baumann at bbaumann@eseton.org

GODPARENT REQUIREMENTS:

- Attend a Baptism Preparation class at any Roman Catholic Church; Seton's classes require pre-registration- register online on St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's website
- Secure a Letter of Good Standing from your current parish stating you meet the requirements to be a Godparent
- The Catholic Church requires at least one Catholic Godparent. If two Godparents are chosen, they must be one male and one female.
- Godparents must be at least 16 years of age; received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. If married, the Godparent must be married in the Catholic Church
- A validly baptized non-Catholic godparent may act as a Christian Witness. A letter of good standing is not required for a Christian Witness
- Godparents may not be legal parents

GODPARENTS:

The role of the Godparents is to be a positive role model for their godchild and to support the parents as they bring up their child in the Catholic faith. Being a Godparent is not only an honor, but also a great responsibility.

If the Godparents cannot be present at the Baptism, proxies can “stand in” and be designated to answer for the Godparents during the Rite.

WHITE GARMENTS: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church supplies a white stole for each child who is baptized; however, parents have the option of supplying their own.

CANDLE: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church will provide a Baptismal candle. It is acceptable for families to provide their own white candles if they desire.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Photography is welcome at Baptisms; however, we ask that you refrain from using flash photography during the ceremony. Additional photos can be arranged following the ceremony.

We are excited to schedule your child’s baptism! Please submit your documents and schedule your child's baptism by contacting Susan Ozowski at sozowski@eseton.org.

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Church office hours:
Monday-Friday, 9 am-5 pm
Closed 12 noon-1 pm